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**INTERVIEW AGENDA****Application No. 09/378,878****Exhibits and/or Demonstrations**

Proposed amended claim set.

**Identification of Claims Discussed**

Claims 1, 22, 39, 133-136, 138-146, 148-181, and 207-212.

**Identification of Prior Art Discussed**

(1) U.S. Patent No. 6,327,031 issued to Gordon ("Gordon")

(2) European publication EP 0 417 305 of Takase et al. ("Takase")

**Proposed Amendments**

Please see proposed amended claim set (attached)

**Principal Arguments and Other Matters**

1. Claim 22 amendment.
2. The cited prior art does not disclose, suggest or teach all the elements of Claims 1 or 39.
3. Claims rewritten based on previously objected to claims (Claims 133-136, 138-146, 148-181 and 207-212 are now in condition for allowance)
  - a. Claim 133 is amended to include dependent Claim 148 (previously objected to).
  - b. Other previously objected to claims are amended to include the limitations of the base independent claim and any intervening claims, as suggested.

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